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- PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY DELEGATION

REF: (A) CAIRO 8478, (B) STATE 66301

1. PA SPEAKER MAREI ASKED ME TO CALL TODAY. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN THINKING ABOUT HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT SADAT THOUGHT MAREI SHOULD GO ON APRIL 24, HE, MAREI, IS OF THE OPINION THIS IS NOT A GOOD DATE. THE ARMS PACKAGE WILL STILL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION. SOME MIGHT SEE HIS VISIT AND MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS AS AN EFFORT TO LOBBY FOR THE F-5 SALE TO EGYPT AND RESENT THIS. MOREOVER, IF THE PACKAGE SHOULD BE DISAPPROVED WHILE HE AND THE PA DELEGATION ARE THERE, THIS WOULD HURT HIS POSITION HERE. HE HAD MADE THESE POINTS TO SADAT, WHO HAD AGREED.
2. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, MAREI NOW BELIEVES THAT A VISIT IN EARLY MAY, I.E., AFTER THE ARMS PACKAGE IS COMPLETED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, IS PREFERABLE. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF ANY DATES FROM MAY 8 ONWARD WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO SPEAKER O'NEILL. PLEASE ADVISE. EILTS

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